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For: LIQUID DISCHARGE APPARATUS AND  
METHOD FOR DISCHARGING LIQUID

Examiner: Brian J Goldberg

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Amendment is filed in response to the Advisory Action dated December 19, 2006 and the Final Office Action dated June 21, 2006. A Petition for a 3 month Extension of Time is filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: